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Food and Drug Administration
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The Honorable Richard Shelby
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0103

Dear Senator Shelby:

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 1999 on behalf of Rodney Murrell of Birmingham, Alabama, regarding proposed new Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) regulations on statements made for dietary supplements concerning the effect of the product on the structure or function of the body.

FDA published this proposed rule in the Federal Register on April 29, 1998. The comment period closed on August 27, 1998; however, FDA extended the comment period until September 28, 1998. FDA invited written comments on the proposal from the public and industry. All comments received will be reviewed and considered by the Agency in developing the final rule.

Your constituents' comments have been forwarded to the docket for this issue. While the Agency is under no legal obligation to consider comments received after the comment period, we do try to accommodate all comments as time and resources permit.

Enclosed is information which may be of interest to your constituent. If you require additional information, or if we may be of any further assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Melinda K. Plaisier
for Melinda K. Plaisier
Interim Associate Commissioner
for Legislative Affairs

Enclosure
April 24, 1998 HHS News release

cc: Dockets Management Branch
(Docket No. 98N-0044)

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February 24, 1999

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence I received from Rodney Murrell.

Please reply, **in duplicate**, to my aide, CASSONDRA COLLINS.

Sincerely,



Richard Shelby

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TO: senator at Shelby-DC

Subject: Dietary Supplements/FDA

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From:

Rodney Murrell

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Senator Shelby:

As a board certified nutritionist I am concerned about the ongoing attempt of the FDA to over regulate the dietary supplement industry. There is no medical proof that supplements, if taken properly, promote harm to anyone. It appears that the UN CODEX is the driving force behind the attempt of the FDA to push for control of supplements. The fact remains that supplements do improve conditions of those affected with disorders, as well as serve as a preventive therapy as well. I ask that you not allow the FDA, or the UN CODEX to prohibit the ability of the American people to purchase (OTC) therapeutic levels of dietary supplements.

Thank You

Rodney Murrell 2/14/99 9:51AM

Sincerely,

Rodney Murrell

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